

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, February 8, 2011  
Audrey Beck Municipal Building  
Council Chambers

**Minutes**

Present: P. Barry, M. Hart, J. Hintz, Chief Hudd, J. Knecht, J. Saddlemire, W. Simpson, R. Schurin, N. Silander, W. Wendt

Staff: M. Capriola, J. Jackman, G. Padick (Town); C. van Zelm (MDP)

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00p.m.

2) December 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of December 14, 2010 were moved by Ms. Silander, seconded by Mr. Hintz and approved unanimously as presented.

3) Updates:

- a) *Police Services Study*. Mr. Hart provided a recap and update on the Town's police services study which is currently underway. Service delivery options will be presented to the Police Services Study Steering Committee in late February and to Council in late March. The study is targeted for completion in the spring.
- b) *Mansfield Community Campus Partnership*. Mr. Hintz provided a report on upcoming agenda items. MCCP has applied for a grant that would encourage/address responsible party hosting; Celeron Square apartments has agreed to participate in the pilot program should the grant be awarded.
- c) *Mansfield Downtown Partnership*. Ms. van Zelm and Mr. Padick provided an update on the Storrs Center project. The Partnership estimates that the zoning permit process will occur in the next few weeks, the building permit process will begin in March, and that groundbreaking on the project will occur in May. The Design Committee will hear an update on the Intermodal Facility in February. The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Fun Day will be held February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Mansfield Community Center from 11am-2pm.
- d) *Quality of Life Committee*. Mr. Hart provided an update on the work of the Committee. The Quality of Life Committee has endorsed a nuisance house (abatement) ordinance. The Connecticut State Police legal team is currently reviewing the draft ordinance since members of their agency would be responsible for enforcement. The Committee has received but not yet discussed a draft large assembly permit ordinance.
- e) *Four Corners Project*. Mr. Hart provided an update on the water supply study being conducted for the Four Corners Area. It is estimated that 1 million gallons of water per day would be needed; various water source options are being analyzed. A preliminary draft report has been posted on the Town's website. Mr. Padick stated that the University is currently updating their water supply study and that the Town and University are working in concert with one another.

4) Report of Task Force to De-Escalate Spring Weekend

Mr. Schurin and Mr. Saddlemire provided an overview. The University plans to implement the recommendations it has control over. In particular, the University will prohibit non-University guests in the dorms and dining halls during Spring Weekend. The University will not hold events during Spring Weekend. The University Faculty Senate has endorsed the plan proposed by the De-Escalation Committee.

5) Other

Mr. Wendt reported on a new express bus service to and from the Storrs campus and New York City which is expected to begin February 18th. Similar express service to and from the Storrs campus and Boston is expected to begin later in the year.

6) Opportunity for Public to Address the Committee

None.

7) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria E. Capriola

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